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SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

After granting a filing date and calculating the filing fee for this new patent application, but before the first examination, please amend the application as follows.

In the Claims:

Claims 1 to 5 and 8 to 11 are maintained unchanged.

Please enter new claims 12 and 13 as follows.

- 1 12. (new) Receiving device (24) according to patent claim 2,
2 characterized in that the clamping device (2) consists of
3 at least
4 one contact plate (5), on which the component (3) to
5 be clamped rests against,
6 one clamping jaw (4), in which the component (3) is
7 clamped, and
8 one guide rail (6), on which the clamping jaw (4)
9 moves along.

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1 13. (new) Receiving device (24) according to patent claim 2,
2 characterized in that the clamping device (2) consists of
3 at least
4 one guide rail (6), which forms a contact plate, on
5 which the component (3) to be clamped-in rests, and
6 one clamping jaw (4), with which the plastic part (3)
7 is clamped-in, and which moves along the guide rail (6).

REMARKS:

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2) New claims 12 and 13 correspond respectively to original translated claims 6 and 7, but merely omit the multiple dependent back references. Thus, no new matter is introduced by the present amendment. Examination of the present application is to proceed on the basis of claims 1 to 5 and 8 to 13.

3) Favorable consideration and allowance of claims 1 to 5 and 8 to 13 are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT TO MINIMIZE THE FILING FEE

Dear Sir:

In order to minimize the filing fee, please amend the above identified patent application as follows before calculating the filing fee.

Referring to the Literal Translation of International Application
PCT/EP01/03764

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 6 and 7.

Claims 1 to 5 and 8 to 11 are maintained for calculating the filing fee.

REMARKS:

After calculating the filing fee, please further enter the accompanying Second Preliminary Amendment which adds new claims 12 and 13 for examination.

Respectfully submitted,

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